



Harvest of Hope Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

April 4, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Peggy Arseneau, Jean Beutz, Abbey Dupuy, Michelle Friederichs, Jim Gondringer, Anne Gourde, Toni Hudock, Nick Korn, Jolene Kotten, Carl Lieser, Brad Opatz, Fr. Edward Vebelun, and Gary Schultzetenburg

- I. Opening Prayer: Abbey Dupuy
- II. Holy Family School Update: Mary Sowada, Joe Stangler and Aaron Goebel
 - A. Mission statement and student numbers
 - a. Mission statement was stated and spoke of values and mission
 - b. Holy Family is in its 137th year
 - c. 122 students, 98 without preschool. Breakdown- 56 from Albany, 37 from St. Martin, Avon and St. Anthony, 20 from other parishes and 9 with no parish listed.
 - d. Largest class has 19 students and the smallest class has 11 students. 24 kindergarteners registered for the 2024/2025 school year.
 - B. Budget
 - a. The ACC provided 27% of budget this year, 4% from Alumni, 33% from tuition, 16% fundraisers, 5% endowment fund and rest in contributions and gifts
 - b. Teacher salaries were addressed last year
 - i. Teacher salaries were increased and retro pay was paid out to veteran teachers
 - ii. Was well received by staff
 - c. Mary is working on several grants
 - d. All present stated thankfulness for support and contributions to Holy Family School
 - C. Holy Family School is in the planning stages of renovation of existing building
 - a. Approved for capital campaign
 - b. Will be done in two phases
 - D. How can we as a council and community help?
 - a. Let others know how important Catholic schools are
 - b. Students love to help, if you have a service project- think of Holy Family to help out
- III. Pastor's Update: Fr. Edward Vebelun
 - A. Updates in community
 - a. Condolences on the passing of Jim Rehkamp, who has been a outstanding community leader and a member of the Pastoral Council
 - b. 11 youth attended Castaway, from each parish in our ACC
 - c. Will offer Totus Tuus again this summer to youth.
 - d. New ACC directory will be started soon, with all parishes

- i. Will need volunteers
 - d. The National Eucharistic Revival will have a Celebration at Cathedral in St. Cloud
 - f. 53 were Confirmed at Mass in Albany
 - i. Process for next years candidates starts in May
 - g. Spanish masses are being offered third Sunday of the month in Albany
 - i. 35 participants at first mass, 45 at second
 - ii. Working on finding and training leaders for ministries
 - iii. Bishop wants all ACCs to offer
- IV. Input on Confidential Matters: Fr. Edward Vebelun
 - A. Consolidation to begin this summer in Harvest of Hope ACC
 - a. Sunday masses will be reduced to one per parish, due to declining health and number of priest in diocese
 - i. Saturday masses will remain, Mother of Mercy at 3:30 and Seven Dolores at 5 pm.
 - ii. Will not resume Tuesday and Thursday masses in Albany
 - iii. The decision will be made at the HOH planning meeting May 4th at 3:30 pm
 - iv. All three priests will remain. Fr. Julius and Fr. Greg will rotate to make sure all ministries are covered, and will assist with nursing homes in St. Cloud as well
 - v. This will begin June 1st weekend
 - vi. The Saturday mass at the Oratory of St. Catherine will remain as is
- V. All Parish Meeting: Michelle Friederichs and Toni Hudock
 - A. All Parishes invited to discuss Survey results and get feedback
 - a. May 4, at 3:30 pm at Seven Dolores Gym
 - b. Michelle shared handout of meeting plan and had discussion
 - c. Invitations sent to parish committee members and organizations in parishes
 - d. Snacks will be provided
 - B. Mentimeter to record responses
 - a. Questions will present on screen and attendees will tap answer on device
 - C. Will discuss four questions, which will be sent out ahead of time
 - a. About 10 minutes spent on each question
 - b. Meeting time one hour
 - D. Brenda Kresky will be present with Fr. Edward to talk about Mass changes
- VI. Pastoral Council Membership: Fr. Edward Vebelun
 - A. Four year terms- up to two terms
 - a. Began January 2021, will stagger new members with trustees
 - b. Trustees will stay and will invite new members.
 - c. Will ask all, incoming and current to December meeting
 - d. Some may be asked to do a second term
 - e. Lisa Jensen has stepped down and will need to replace
 - f. Will need to appoint new Trustee from St. Anthony to replace Jim Rehkamp
- VII. Bingo Update: Nick Korn
 - A. Will take place Saturday, April 13 at St. Anthony Church basement
 - a. Food and water planned. Desserts coming, council members asked to bring if present
 - b. Tricia and Michelle will announce numbers
 - c. Ten national honor students signed up to help

- d. Bishop Patrick was invited, but declined due to other obligations
 - e. T.V. and sound system are ready, Toni dropped off supplies
 - f. Grant givers will be present at Bingo to see how money is used in Diocese
- VIII. Approve February Minutes
- A. Brad Opatz approved
 - B. Jean Beutz 2nd the motion
- IX. New Business: Michelle Friederichs
- A. National Eucharistic Pilgrimage- May 22, 2024
 - a. Was a question if there would be an interest to take a bus from area to attend
 - b. Discussion by council
 - ii. Agreed to offer ideas such as carpools
 - c. Will advertise and let community know about this upcoming event
 - B. June 4th meeting in St. Anthony will be changed to May 30th due to conflict
- X. Closing Prayer: Fr. Edward Vebulun

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The HOH Pastoral Council meets the first Thursday of every other month at 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony- May 30, 2024, St. Martin- August 1, 2024,
St. Benedict- October 3, 2024, Seven Dolores- December 5, 2024